

## BIBLE SOCIETY CHANGES HANDS

Becomes Part of World-Wide Organization of American Body.

REV. DR. McLAREN  
ASSUMES CHARGE

Rev. W. S. Campbell, Who Has Conducted Work for Many Years, Will Retire—Meeting to Be Held To-day to Arrange for Transfer.

After an independent existence of nearly a century the Bible Society of Virginia becomes part of the world-wide organization of the American Bible Society, with headquarters in New York.

At a meeting to be held in Richmond to-day final action will be taken looking to the transfer of the affairs of the State body and the resulting changes in the office here will be made effective. The Rev. William S. Campbell, secretary of the society, who has for some years given his best thought and energy to the welfare of the society, with marked success, will retire from the office to be succeeded by U. Rev. Donald McLaren, D. D., one of the most distinguished ministers in the service of the national organization. Dr. McLaren is now in the city and will take formal charge of the office at No. 320 East Main Street to-day. He will, of course, make his future residence in Richmond.

The retirement of the Rev. Mr. Campbell from the work with which he has been identified for so long a time is a source of great regret to all who have been associated with him. When questioned last night, Mr. Campbell was not prepared to make a statement concerning his plans for the future, but will probably do so to-day or very shortly.

### Long History.

The Bible Society of Virginia has had a long and honorable history, being organized in 1812, four years previous to the founding of the American Bible Society. The object of the work may be briefly stated as providing copies of the Scriptures for destitute people. It was supported by all evangelical denominations, and did a notable work in the prisons, hospitals, and charitable institutions of the State, and among the sailors visiting in Virginia waters. The contributions for this work in 1905 amounted to \$4,561.16, while through its office in Richmond 2,269 volumes were sold at cost of manufacture, \$4,430.57.

For some time past the board of managers have felt the need for a closer affiliation with the American Bible Society, of New York, an organization that has not only engaged in the work on a larger scale, with operations extending all over the United States, but that is also engaged in the translation and circulation of the Bible in all languages and in all parts of the world.

After careful consideration a plan of agreement has been entered into, which, it is hoped, will more effectively accomplish the purposes in view. The Bible Society of Virginia continues its separate organization, and its board of managers becomes the representatives of the American Bible Society for the State of Virginia.

The Rev. Dr. McLaren has been appointed agent for the State of Virginia by the American Bible Society, and his appointment has been approved by the Bible Society of Virginia, and arrangements made for him to take up this joint work to-day. Under the terms of the agreement, the salary and expenses of the office are to be paid by the American Bible Society, and money necessary for the work in the State of Virginia is to be appropriated each year by the American Bible Society, and expended under the direction of the board of managers of the Bible Society of Virginia.

Contributions to the cause are hereafter to be sent direct to the treasurer of the American Bible Society, Mr. William Faulkner, Bible House, Astor Place, New York, and are specially designated for work in Virginia.

Mr. John L. Williams, Rev. Russell Cecil, D. D., and Rev. W. V. Tudor, D. D., the executive committee of the Bible Society of Virginia, will meet at the office of the society, No. 320 East Main Street, this afternoon to arrange the details of the transfer and install Dr. McLaren in his work.

### Long Experience.

Dr. McLaren is a man of ripe experience in the work of the Bible Society, having served in connection with the American Bible Society of New York in a mission work in Cuba and Porto Rico since 1892. Since 1895 he has been general agent for the West Indies, with headquarters at Havana.

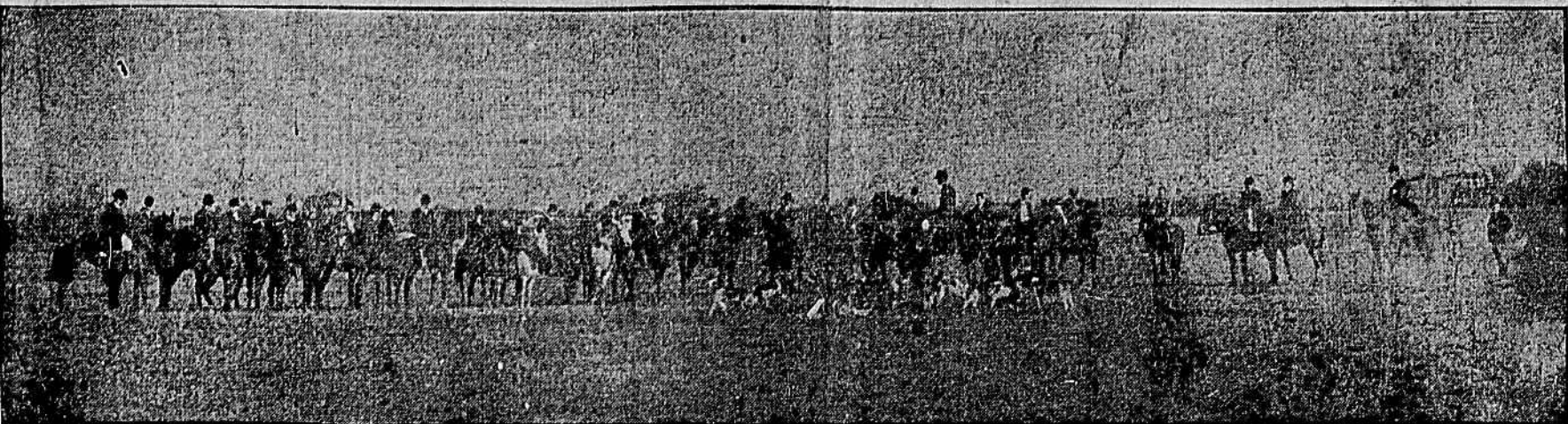
Dr. McLaren served as chaplain in the United States Navy from 1883 to 1899, being appointed by President Lincoln. At the time of his retirement—March 7, 1896—he was senior chaplain, with the rank of captain in the naval service. His work in the navy included several years as professor in the naval academy at Newport, R. I., and later as chaplain at Annapolis. In his service as chaplain at sea, he has sailed on the Tennessee, under Admiral Person, and on the Powhatan, under Admiral Dahlgren. Later he was chaplain at the Brooklyn navy yard, and on the Vermont, and Minnesota, during which time he visited every part of the world, and made himself familiar with mission work in all lands.

Dr. McLaren talked interestingly of his plans for the future of the Bible cause. "I am profoundly impressed," he said, "with the destitution of our Virginia mountain population. There are whole valleys in the Virginia mountains in which no family has a copy of the scriptures. We must engage colporteurs who will push into these regions, investigate conditions, and see that Bibles are made accessible to the people at reasonable cost, or in case of need, without cost."

The present funds of the organization have not justified any extensive work along this line so far, but Dr. McLaren explains that in the small island of Porto Rico the American Bible Society has five or six colporteurs constantly at work.

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## DEEP RUN HUNT CLUB MEETS AT KENNELS FOR NEW YEAR'S CHASE



RECEPTION AT CLUB-HOUSE AFTER HUNT.

## FEARFUL FIRE SWEEPS NEW YORK

The Entire Department Called Out With Reserve Police Force.

PATRICK SULLY  
SAVES FAMILY

Fireman Killed by Falling Wall. Intense Heat Drives Crowd Back and Engines Are Abandoned—Whole Blocks Are Ablaze.

NEW YORK, January 2.—Fire, originating in a business block on West Fifty-third Street early to-day, destroyed that building, and spreading to adjoining tenement houses on both sides of the street, gave the fire department a hard fight. Five alarms were sounded in quick succession, summoning an immense amount of apparatus to the scene, while hundreds of police reserves were called to restore order among the families who fled in panic from the burning tenements. The firemen were handicapped by low-water pressure, and were repeatedly driven back by the flames which, spreading in every direction, soon threatened the whole thickly populated tenement section. A tenement on either side of the block was in flames before the occupants were well out. Spreading to two tenements at the rear the fire for a time made lively headway, while a strong northeasterly wind carried burning embers to two other tenements which were presently ablaze.

Two fireboats from the North River assisted. The wildest confusion followed among the hundreds of tenants, who, roused and awakened, rushed to the streets, scantily clad and unreasonably with fear. The police had the greatest difficulty in preventing a reckless sacrifice of life among those who wished to return to their homes for their belongings.

Gaining Relapsing. At 2:10 o'clock the fire was gaining rapidly with a possibility of a conflagration. The firemen could not then get within one hundred feet of the fire, and several engines had been deserted.

At 2:15 o'clock ten buildings were destroyed or in flames. They were a stable block, a silk manufactory and eight tenements. The fire was gaining steadily and threatened the whole block. Tenants within a radius of a half dozen blocks had been ordered out.

### Fireman Killed.

At 2:20 o'clock a fire engine, at 433 West Fifty-third Street, nearby the origin of the fire, burst into flames. When the walls of the stable fell John Shary, a fireman, was down with the ruins. At the risk of their own lives other men pulled him out immediately. His skull was fractured and he was seriously injured. He was removed to a hospital in a dying condition.

The burning of the dyeing establishment was accompanied by explosions of chemicals, rendering greater the danger to the firemen and helping to spread the flames.

Immense danger of his life, Policeman Patrick Sully made his way to the top floor of a burning tenement, where he found a mother and six children huddled together and helpless from fear. Unaided and in repeated trips he carried the whole family to the street.

### Fire Spreading.

At 2:30 o'clock the fire was spreading among the hundred horses released from the stables and unmanageable from fear, were running through the adjacent streets. To add to the confusion thieves began looting the burning tenements. They were fired upon by the police, but with what effect could not be known.

Falling walls wrecked a water-tower and made Fifty-third Street in the vicinity of the fire impassable. All the police ambulances were in attendance.

Many Persons Missing. At 3 o'clock the fire was under control, but it was believed at that hour that it could be kept within its boundaries. Several persons are missing from the families who occupied the tenements, but in the confusion it was impossible to determine whether loss of life had occurred. One woman had been taken to the hospital dangerously, and it is thought, fatally injured.

### ILL AND DESPONDENT. COTTON MAN KILLED HIMSELF

NORWICH, CONN., January 1.—Frederick S. Camp, one of the most prominent men in Eastern Connecticut, and agent of the Panama Mills, the largest cotton mills in the country, took his life by shooting to-day. He had been ill for about six months with Bright's disease and had been despondent.



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## SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST FARRELL

Brought to Danville Under Arrest—Young Girl Is His Accuser.

### MAYS'S CONDITION CRITICAL

Man Hurt in Wreck at Chatham Has But Slight Chance of Recovery.

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## EXPLODING LAMP CAUSES DEATH

Mrs. Camille Conley Dies From Severe Injuries Received Monday Night.

### TO FRIGHTEN MRS. BAKER

Powell Brooks Says Now He Had No Intention of Killing Lady.

### Brooks Regretful.

A. Powell Brooks, son of W. F. Brooks, of Alexandria, who is in jail in this city, charged with attempting to kill Mrs. Alexander M. Baker at the Winchester Memorial Hospital Sunday night, made a statement to-day through his attorney in which he disclaims any intention of killing Mrs. Baker, and that he only intended to frighten her. I took exception to what I thought was the unkindly attitude of Mrs. Baker toward me, and merely to scare her I took out my pistol and pointed it at her. When she became alarmed and summoned assistance, I handed the weapon to the head nurse at the hospital. I knew what I was doing, but then, you know, when I was nervous and unstrung he is impulsive and irritable, and is liable to do things which he lives afterward to regret. It is an unfortunate affair, and I deplore the notoriety which Mrs. Baker's visit has caused her and my family.

### TO INVESTIGATE BLOCK SIGNALS

Interstate Commerce Commission to Examine Southern and B. & O.

### JUDGE FULTON LIES AT DEATH'S DOOR

WYTHEVILLE, VA., January 1.—Judge J. H. Fulton, of Wytheville, former grand commander of the Grand Camp, Confederate Veterans of Virginia, lies in extremis at his home. At a late hour all hope had been given up, and the end was expected at any moment.

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## FOSTER STILL HAS THE PLACE

Won't Give Up Keys To Hospital Pending Further Advice.

DR. O. C. BRUNK HERE  
TO CONSULT LAWYERS

Will Return to Williamsburg and See Dr. Foster Again To-day. May Reach Interesting Climax—Drs. Brunk and Foster Make Statements.

### Wouldn't Say How.

Here Dr. Brunk stoutly declined to say what would be his course, and while the conference yesterday developed no unpleasantness, it is believed that today's proceedings will result in an interesting climax in this remarkable situation of affairs.

Dr. Brunk yielded yesterday to Dr. Foster's request for further time, and in turn held a conference with the attorneys for the board, Messrs. Hinton, Williams and Anderson, in this city, last night. As a result the superintendent-elect will return to Williamsburg this morning, and will again see Dr. Foster. He declined positively to say what would be his exact mode of procedure when seen last night at Rueger's, where he and the first assistant physician-elect, Dr. Hugh C. Henry, are stopping.

"I went to Williamsburg and reported for duty this morning," said Dr. Brunk. "But owing to some misunderstanding I did not take charge. I shall go back to-morrow morning, and under advice of counsel for the board, I will again call upon Dr. Foster."

The following special came from Williamsburg last night concerning the matter:

"The situation at the Eastern State Hospital is still in charge in spite of the efforts to oust him. The new superintendent, Dr. Brunk, arrived here this morning to take charge, but Dr. Foster wouldn't be interfered with. The following statement is made by Dr. Foster: "At half-past one o'clock I was served by the town sergeant with a copy of the resolutions adopted by the board at its meeting last night, and soon after was waited on by Colonel L. W. Lane, State Commissioner of Hospitals, and Dr. Brunk and Henry. I received them politely, and after discussing the situation I decided not to give up the keys to the institution until I had reasonable time to consult my attorneys. My position is this: The general hospital board by rescinding their resolution deposing me, from office on the 1st of January have admitted that they have acted hastily and without just cause. I am not sure that they are not acting more hastily now."

"I am an officer recognized in the Constitution of Virginia, and my personal opinion is that I cannot be suspended any more than removed except for good cause, but I am not versed in legal matters, and propose to abide by the advice of my lawyers. I have no desire to create any trouble, never have had, but I have personal rights, which are dearer to me than any office or salary, and propose to maintain them."

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## BRILLIANT SCENE AT THE MANSION

Governor and Mrs. Swanson Hold New Year's Reception.

LARGE NUMBERS  
PAY RESPECTS

Newly-Arranged Interior Presented Very Handsome Appearance and Was Much Admired by Every-body—Those Who Called.

Thrown hospitably open, ablaze with lights, filled with the strains of orchestral music, and thronged with Richmond society hastening to pay the New Year's devotions to Governor and Mrs. Swanson, the Executive Mansion was a point toward which all feet turned, and in which all interest centered last night.

Never did the historic home of the Governor of Virginia present a stately appearance or turn a more inviting face toward all comers.

The spacious Colonial Hall, where General George Washington and Mistress Martha Washington, from their places on the wall, look serene approval on their descendants of later days, was swathed, according to the holiday fashion of their day, in running cedar, bunched with sprays of holly and mistletoe.

The splendid sweep of the drawing-rooms, with their fluted pillars and their vaulted ceilings, were matched by the color of superb American Beauties, vases and bowls of which also adorned the dining-room, which has been added to the lower suite of the mansion since the last state entertainment, and stood revealed last evening as a noble and substantial evidence of Mrs. Swanson's taste in supervision and Captain Dimmock's judgment in architectural lines and proportions.

### Receiving Party.

The receiving party stood in the small parlor to the right of the entrance hall forming a semi-circle, the background of which was the delicate beauty and perfume of pink roses bringing out the lovely gowns worn by the ladies in charming distinctness of contrast.

His Excellency stood at the head of the line. Mrs. Swanson, charming all eyes by the cordiality of her welcome, was very handsome in white duchess lace, built upon a foundation of chiffon and tulle, with insets and berthe of rose point lace, and worn with a diamond sunburst and diamonds in her hair.

Mrs. J. Taylor Ellyson, wife of the Lieutenant-Governor, wore white chiffon de sole, elaborately trimmed with point lace, daisy buds and pearls. Mrs. William A. Anderson, wife of the Attorney-General of the State, wore a colored tulle, duchess lace, diamonds, pearls and rubies.

Mrs. Eugene Massie, wife of the chief of staff, in a blue chiffon de sole; pearls and diamonds. Mrs. James Scott Parrish, in champagne-colored chiffon velvet, point lace incrustations, diamonds.

Mrs. William Jefferson Payne, in pale blue tulle, duchess lace, pearls and diamonds. Mrs. Alexander Scott, of Lynchburg, Va., in cream lace embroidered with chiffon roses; pearls.

Mrs. John Swanson, of Danville, Va., in black net palliated, and worn over white tulle. Mrs. Charles V. Cantrone, in white lace over white satin; pearls.

Mrs. James Walker, in a Paris gown of black lace; pearls and diamonds. Miss Edie Branch, in white lace over satin; pearls and diamonds.

Mrs. Carroll H. Montague, in white point lace over satin; pink roses, diamonds. Miss Anna Deane Carr, in an empire gown of violet chiffon de sole over violet silk; orchids.

Miss Leah Anderson, of Alexandria, Va., in white lace, over cream satin; pearls. Miss Willie Jerome, of Washington, D. C., in a French gown of pale gray chiffon, worn with pearls and a superb diamond necklace.

Miss Katherine Rison, of Danville, Va., in pale yellow messaline; topaz ornaments. Miss Claire Belme, in a pale blue empire gown of chiffon satin, point lace; diamonds.

Miss Nora Leary, in pink messaline, lace berthe; pearls. Miss Mary Parrish, in white lace and blue ribbons; little of blue panne velvet.

Miss Nancy Fetter, in blue radium silk and white lace; pink rosebuds. Miss Louise McAdams, in white herre lace, Louis XVI coat, incrustations of lace; pearls.

Misses Margaret and Lina Shields, in white lace and chiffon; American Beauties and violets.

Members of the Governor's staff include Colonels Eugene Massie, Thomas Branch McAdams, James Scott Parrish, William Jefferson Payne and Algoner Sidney Buford, Jr., of Richmond; Joseph Thomas Lawless, of Norfolk; Edwin Sidney Heist, of Chatham; Leonard Overton Payne, of Cape Charles; James Pleasant Woods, of Roanoke; Julius Edgar West, of Suffolk; Nelson Smith Groome, of Hampton; Park Rucker, of Martinsville; Robert Ferguson Holt, of Newport News; Benjamin Rowley Roberts, of Chase City; James Alexander Scott, of Lynchburg, and William Criger Waite, of Culpeper.

Those present last night, with General Charles J. Anderson and Colonel John Lane Stern were in full official uniform, their gold lace and buttons showing well against the rainbow-like hues of velvets and silks, appearing in the elegant toilet worn.

### Musical Program.

In the northeast corner of the State drawing-room, from behind a palm screen, Kesslich's Orchestra of six pieces, played.